

21 Greenfield Airports to be set up in India

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About Greenfield Airports:

- Development of a Greenfield airport is governed under the **Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008**.
- As per the Policy, a State Government or an Airport Developer, willing to establish an airport is required to send a proposal to the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) for **2-stage approval i.e. 'Site-Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval**.
- Such proposals are considered by MoCA as per the procedure stipulated in the GFA Policy.
- The responsibility of implementation of airport projects including funding of the projects rests with the **concerned airport developer including the respective State Government** (in case the State Government is the project proponent).
- Government of India (GoI) has accorded 'In-Principle' approval for setting up of **21 Greenfield Airports namely,**
 - Mopa in **Goa**,
 - Navi Mumbai, Shirdi and Sindhudurg in **Maharashtra**,
 - Kalaburagi, Vijayapura, Hassan and Shivamogga in **Karnataka**,
 - Dabra (Gwalior) in **Madhya Pradesh**,
 - Kushinagar and Noida (Jewar) in **Uttar Pradesh**,
 - Dholera and Hirasar in **Gujarat**,

- Karaikal in **Puducherry**,
 - Dagadarthi, Bhogapuram and Oravakal (Kurnool) in **Andhra Pradesh**,
 - Durgapur in **West Bengal**,
 - Pakyong in **Sikkim**,
 - Kannur in **Kerala** and
 - Donyi Polo, Itanagar in **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- Out of these, **9 Greenfield airports** Durgapur, Shirdi, Kannur, Pakyong, Kalaburagi, Orvakal (Kurnool), Sindhudurg, Kushinagar and Donyi Polo, Itanagar **have been operationalized**.

Q1) Which is India's first greenfield airport?

Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh is the first greenfield airport in India.

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